(c) India has emerged as one of the leading exporters of wheat and rice in the international market.

Foodgrains reserves

†1605. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the production of foodgrains in the country during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02, year-wise;

(b) the foodgrain reserves with FCI as on date and the quantum of foodgrains on the verge of rotting; and

(c) the details of the foodgrains lifted by the States under PDS during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) The production of foodgrains in the country during 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 was as under:-

(In lakh tonnes)

Year	Kharif	Rabi	Total
1999-2000	1055.1	1042.9	2098.0
2000-01	1047.0	948.3	1995.3
2001-02	1115.5	1004.7	2120.2

(b) As on 1st January 2003 four hundred eighty two lakh tonnes of foodgrains were available in the Central Pool, none of which is on the verge of rotting.

(c) The quantum of rice and wheat lifted by states under Public Distribution System (TPDS), during the last three years *i.e.* 1999-2000, 2000-01 and 2001-02 was as under:—

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi

(*In lakh tonnes*)

Year	Kharif	Rabi	Total
1999-2000	111.9	56.2	168.1
2000-01	78.5	39.3	117.8
2001-02	80.4	55.2	135.6

Procurement of foodgrains

1606. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the States from which the FCI has procured paddy and wheat during 2002-03;

(b) the quantum of paddy and wheat procured from those States, State-wise; and

(c) the norms prescribed for procurement of paddy and wheat from various States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SUBHASH MAHARIA): (a) and (b) A statement showing names of States and quantum of paddy, rice and wheat procured during 2002-03 is annexed (*See* below).

(c) Under the price support scheme, all the paddy and wheat of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) offered for sale at the designated procurement centres are bought by the public procuring agencies at the Minimum Support Price.